

SMALL PASSENGER VESSEL INFORMATION PACKAGE

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The following information applies to **uninspected vessels carrying 6 or fewer passengers** and may be dependent upon the size of the vessel.

Abbreviations:

- CFR = Code of Federal Regulations
- NAV RULES = Navigation Rules

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| Operator's License | <p>If you carry passengers for hire, you must hold a current Operator of Uninspected Passenger Vessels License (OUPV) or Master's License (Reference 46 CFR Part 10).</p> <p>The original license must be onboard each time you sail with passengers (even one). You may not use copies of your license (Reference 46 CFR Part 26.20).</p> <p>Upon expiration of your license, there is <u>NO GRACE PERIOD</u> for you to <u>OPERATE</u> a vessel (Reference 46 CFR Part 10.209(e)).</p> <p>There is a grace period for license renewal only. You have up to 12 months after your license "expires" to renew without having to retake all of the tests. <i>Operating a vessel with an expired license will subject you to civil penalty proceedings and could impact your ability to renew your license.</i></p> |
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| Drug Testing | <p>You and any mates/deckhands you employ must maintain a Chemical Testing program meeting the requirements of 46 CFR Part 16.</p> <p>Even a "one person" operation has to have a drug-testing program.</p> |
| Vessel Numbers | <p>If your vessel measures more than 5 NET TONS, and you carry passengers for hire, it must be "documented" by the Coast Guard for use other than pleasure (either coastwise and/or registry). Some vessels in the 26 to 30 ft. range may fall under 5 net tons and if so, they may be "state registered" and display state numbers.</p> <p>Even though you may be documented for coastwise service with the Coast Guard, the state may require you to register and obtain state numbers. If you are documented, you do not have to display the state numbers.</p> <p>When a vessel not requiring Coast Guard documentation is "state registered", the state numbers must be properly displayed on the vessel. The numbers must be 3 inches in height and placed on the hull so there is a space between the letters and numbers. For example, FL 1234 AB is correct; FL1234AB is incorrect. The space is equal to the size of any letter except "I" or any number except "1". Consult with the individual state for information applicable to state registration. The Florida vessel owner facts website http://www.hsmv.state.fl.us/dmv/vslfacts.html contains helpful information.</p> <p>Your vessel cannot be Bare Boat Chartered if it is documented for pleasure use only (Reference the Passenger Vessel Safety Act of '1993).</p> <p>If your vessel is documented, the name of the boat must be affixed to the forward part of the hull (in the bow area) in 4-inch letters. In addition, your vessel's name and hailing port or homeport must be affixed on the stern in 4-inch letters.</p> <p>Official Number: Your vessel's documentation number must be <u>permanently</u> affixed to an "integral interior structural member" of the vessel (e.g. main beam, stringer or some rigid hull material). The numbers must be 3 inches in height.</p> |
| Emergency Instructions | <p>You must post a copy of your vessel's emergency instructions required by 46 CFR 26.03-2 and conduct a passenger safety orientation at the</p> |

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| | beginning of each trip as required by 46 CFR 26.03-1. |
| Garbage Placard | <p>While a garbage placard is not required on vessels under 26 feet in length, we recommend you have one onboard because you are still liable for any discharge of plastics (e.g. fishing line, plastic six pack holders, garbage bags, Styrofoam cups, etc.) from your vessel.</p> <p>Reference 46 CFR 25.50-1 and 33 CFR 151.05 and 67.</p> |
| FCC License | <p>Generally speaking, no Federal Communication Commission station license is required for the normal 6-passenger vessel carrying the normal types of transmitting equipment such as VHF-FM marine radios, radar, or an EPIRB. A FCC station license would be required if more that 6 passengers are carried OR other equipment such as HF radios are on the vessel. If you have questions about this you should contact the local FCC office and/or visit their website at http://www.fcc.gov/.</p> |

Equipment

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| Life Jackets Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) | <p>PFDs must have at least one life preserver or approved commercial hybrid PFD approved under 46 Code of Federal Regulations Subchapter Q for each person onboard.</p> <p>It must have 31 square inches or 200 sq. cm. of retro-reflective material on the front and back. The jackets must have CG approval 0 160.002 or # 160.005.</p> <p>If your vessel makes ocean or coastwise voyages, each PFD you carry must have a personal marker light bearing CG approval # 161.012 or 161.112. If you use lights with batteries, the batteries must have a current date. If you use the chemical lights they must have CG approval # 161.012 or # 161.112 and have a current manufacturer's date. No other chemical light will be accepted.</p> <p>Reference 46 CFR 25.25-13.</p> |
| Life Rings | <p>Life Rings are required on vessels 26 feet or more in length. You must have one 24 inch diameter life ring with CG approval #160.050. The life</p> |

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| | <p>ring must be readily available to be thrown to a person in the water. It may be white or international orange.</p> <p>Reference 46 CFR 25.25-5(d).</p> |
| Sound Producing Device | <p>A device is required to be onboard that can be heard for 1/2 nautical mile.</p> <p>Reference 72 COLREGS and Rules of the Road.</p> |
| Fire Extinguisher | <p>All fire extinguishers must have CG approval #162.028 or have an Underwriters Laboratory Marine listing.</p> <p>Portable fire extinguishers without gauges must have inspection cards attached and must be inspected every 6 months. All pressure filled fire extinguishers must be hydrostatically pressure tested every 5 years.</p> <p>Reference 46 CFR Parts 25 – 28</p> <p>Types of B-I fire extinguishers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dry chemical has 2 lbs. of dry chemical powder • Co2 has 4lbs of Carbon dioxide • FOAM has 1 3/4 Gals of foam <p>For boats 16 FT to LESS THAN 26FT in length, at least <u>ONE</u> B-1 Extinguisher must be onboard.</p> |

Visual Distress Markers and Navigation Lights

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| Visual Distress Markers | <p>You may have 1 daytime non-pyrotechnic <u>and</u> 1 nighttime non-pyrotechnic; <u>or</u></p> <p>3 daytime flares CG approval number 160.022 or 160.036 (Orange smoke) <u>and</u> 1 nighttime flare CG Approval number 160.021 (red hand held) <u>or</u> 160.024 (red parachute).</p> <p>You may also use the 3 combination day/night pyrotechnic flares. This type has day on one end and night on the other.</p> |
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| | There are other combinations approved for day/night you can find these Pyrotechnic Signal Device 33 CFR part 175.13. |
| Navigation and Anchor Lights | Required to be burning from sunset to sunrise or during periods of reduced visibility. Reference 72 COLREGS and NAV RULES. |

General Notes about Lights

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| Rule 21, both International and Inland, of the NAV RULES states the following: | |
| Masthead Light | "Masthead light" means a white light placed over the fore and aft centerline of the vessel showing an unbroken light over an arc of the horizon of 225 degrees and so fixed as to show the light from right ahead to 22.5 degrees abaft the beam on either side of vessel. |
| Sidelight | "Sidelight" means a green light on the starboard side and a red light on the port side each showing 112.5 degrees and so fixed as to show the light from right ahead to 22.5 degrees abaft the beam on its respective side. On a vessel of less than 20 meters or (65 FT) in length, the sidelights may be combined in one lantern carried on the fore and aft centerline of the vessel. |
| Sternlight | "Sternlight" means a white light placed as nearly as practicable at the stern showing an unbroken light over an arc of horizon of 135 degrees and so fixed as to show the light 67.5 degrees from the right aft on each side of the vessel. |
| All-Round Light | "All-round light" means a light showing an unbroken light over an arc of the horizon of 360 degrees. |
| Questions and Answers | 360 degree white lights: Q: Some captains have asked if the 32 point (360 Deg) white light that is used for anchoring can also be used as a navigation light in lieu of the red/green light when they are chasing fish at night. |

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| | <p>A: This is referenced in Rule 23 of the NAV RULES. Rule 23 states a power-driven vessel of less than 7 meters (23ft) in length whose maximum speed does not exceed 7 knots, may in lieu of the prescribed light, show the 32 point white light. The maximum speed referred to, is the speed the boat is <u>capable of</u>, not the speed at the time. Most flats boats can make better speed than 7 knots or 8.5 MPH.</p> <p>Placement of the 32-point white stern light that many flats boat install on their outboard engine covers.</p> <p>Q: The 32-point (360 degree) white light is often installed on outboard engine covers of a flats boat.</p> <p>A: Rule 23 of the NAV RULES states for vessels less than 12 meters (36 ft) in length, they may in lieu of the lights prescribed in paragraph (a) of Rule 21 display a 32 pt (360 degree) white light along with the sidelights.</p> <p>Note: Some local boaters are purchasing 32 point (360 deg) white lights and mounting them to the backside of the engine cowling. When mounting the 32-point light on the engine cover, it must be seen in 360 degrees. If the person(s) on board or the boats structure blocks the light, then you will be required to either raise the light higher or purchase and display both the proper 12 point (135 deg) stern and 20 point (225 deg) masthead lights.</p> <p>If this is unclear please contact a Coast Guard marine inspector at:</p> <p>MSO Tampa: (813) 228-2193 ext. 142</p> <p>MSD Ft. Myers: (941) 985-0560</p> |
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Pollution Prevention

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| Oil Pollution | <p>Your vessel must have a portable means to remove oily waste from the bilge. A bucket and sponge are acceptable.</p> <p>No person may intentionally drain oil into the bilge of a vessel.</p> <p>Reference 33 CFR 151.09, 155.330, and 155.770 and Annex 1,2,and 5 of MARPOL 73/78.</p> |
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| CFR | A copy of any CFR mentioned in the above information can be viewed online at http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/cfr-retrieve.html |
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